

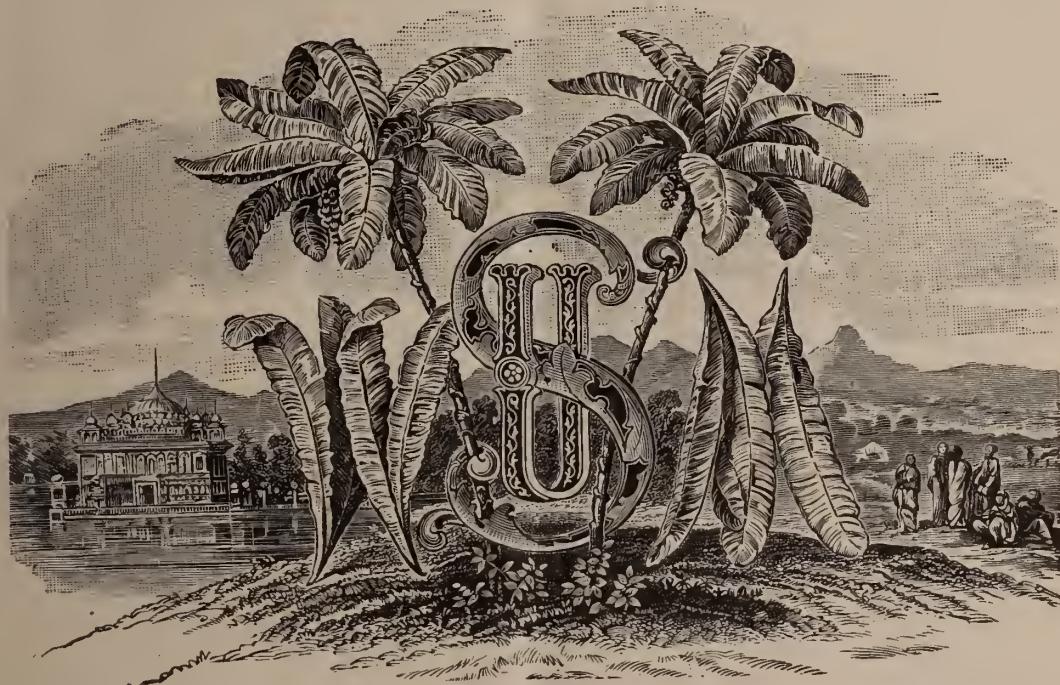
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It is carried on entirely by women, with unsalaried officers.

Its aim is the salvation and elevation of heathen women.

"Win for Christ," its motto.

OUR Evangelist in China, Miss Mary J. Irvine, writes us: "The report of woman's work in the Hunan Province is wonderful. It is only ten years since the first missionaries settled in Chanshaw City, the capital of the province. There are now hundreds of women from the educated class coming into the church, so that there is not room to accommodate them. This is encouraging to all workers. There is a similar movement all over this great country. At the same time there is great opposition, a conflict between Light and the enemy of all righteousness."

"THE movement for the education of girls started in Canton ten years ago is now bearing fruit. When walking on the streets one may see girls overseeing the cleaning of their homes and disinfecting the dark corners during this period when plague and other diseases are attacking the city. These girls have been taught the origin of diseases when in school, and some of them have told their friends that they have to exercise a little every day if they want to enjoy their dinners."

"COMMENT is made upon the lack of sympathy found among Occidentals, long resident in China, with the revolution or possibility of creating a free government in

China. Dr. Eliot in his recent trip to the East stated: 'This lack of sympathy is partly due to the fact that most foreigners in China live there for years without making the acquaintance of a single Chinese lady or gentleman. The merchant may conduct for many years a successful and wide-spread business in China without knowing a word of the language. It is the missionaries and teachers who labor in China with some philanthropic purpose who really get into contact and friendly relations with the Chinese, both educated and uneducated.'

IS not this sentence from a recent letter of Miss S. A. Pratt, who is at the head of our Bible school in Yokohama, Japan, full of cheer? "Of the seventy-two graduates of our Bible school, over fifty are in direct evangelistic work. God through them is speaking to many hearts."

OF the Mass Movement in India we learn: "This looks toward the evangelization of the Indian Empire, among a class composed of over 50,000,000 souls, and a little above them are the great middle class, the farming community, the 'voiceless millions' in whose hands is the future of the Indian Empire. The wide movement of the lower castes to Christianity has caused a reaction upon the higher castes. The high caste people have been accustomed for a thousand years to consider the lower castes as the very mud under their feet."

OUR friends will give a glad welcome home to Miss Julia N. Crosby, one of the founders of our Japan Mission. During her forty-three years of missionary service, her furloughs have been short and at long intervals, and we rejoice that she is with us, to recount the growth of Christian education for the girls and women of Japan, whose development has been her life-work.



HIGH CASTE HINDU SCHOOL.

IN EASTERN LANDS.

INDIA—CALCUTTA

WHAT OUR NATIVE TEACHERS DO

By Miss LILLIAN NORTON

"Out in the highways, out in the by-ways,
Out in the dark fields of sin,
Go forth, go forth with a loving heart,
And gather the *children* in."

THAT is what our Indian Christian teachers are doing, going into the different parts of Calcutta and villages, teaching the little children in our Hindu (heathen) day schools. Nearly 500 of these children are hearing the Gospel every day in our schools. It has been said that the origin of the majority of conversions from Hinduism to Christianity can be traced to seed sown in these little day schools. One of our present great needs is for more consecrated young Indian women for this work.

Three of our teachers have written: "Our Union Mission has five Hindu girls' schools in different parts of the town, and I am a teacher in the Suripara School. I am an old-time teacher; for about twenty years I

have been serving under this same Mission. There are 100 girls in our school and four classes. Our chief aim is to teach the children the true religion of Christ, and our trouble is not going to be fruitless, as several among our students have proclaimed Christ as their Saviour and Lord."

" . . . My girls have learned a short prayer which they use every morning before getting up from bed. They have proved that they attend school, because they like to. Some of them are very brilliant, and learn very quickly."

"I have been brought up in this Mission and am now working in it, so I desire to have personal interviews with all the members of this Mission, but that is impossible, so I want to be in close touch with you by letters. There is a Hindu girls' school of this Mission at Jhamapooker, which has 76 girls on the roll. They are divided into four classes and I am the teacher of the first class. One of my girls died lately. She was nine years old, bore an excellent character, and was a promising girl. She was very fond of reading the Bible and took Jesus Christ as her Saviour. We teachers were all very sad to lose her, but we are sure she has gone to Heaven. All my pupils

know the life of Christ. They really love to hear of Him, and express heartfelt sorrow for His wonderful sufferings and death, and believe that He can save them from their sins. This year they have studied the Gospel of St. Mark, the life of St. Paul and all his letters to the different churches. All of our girls passed in their examination and can sing well. I love them and they love me in return. I thank God for giving me this opportunity for teaching the Hindu girls, and I earnestly pray that they may be His disciples in their after life.

"School begins at 10:30 a. m. First of all, after prayers we have our sewing class for half an hour. The parents express their gladness to see their children making 'jackets' and other things, not only for themselves, but also for the younger children at home. Then we have our Bible class for an hour and then the other classes follow until 2 o'clock, when they get half an hour for tiffin. At 2:30 they again go to their classes. The school closes at 4 p. m. I love all the girls of this school with all my heart, and my great desire is that they may thoroughly come to know our dear Saviour and tell others about Him. I earnestly beseech you to pray for these girls, so that they may be brought into the fold of our beloved Lord, and also for the teachers, that they may be led by the Holy Spirit, and all together, teachers and children, be guided to the Everlasting Home."

We follow up these little girls by visiting them and their mothers in the zenanas of their homes. One of our new zenana workers writes: "The work God has given me, I want to do with my whole heart and mind, because this is very sacred work. It is a great responsibility. I meet many difficulties and sometimes pain and disappointment. Last month I preached to about 416 women and girls, and many of the women listened attentively as I told them about my Saviour."

One day a little Hindu girl said to her teacher: "Yesterday was our big '*puja*' (worship) day to the goddess Shoroshotte. My mother and father have been very careful to teach me the ways of worship and told me that I must go to the temple to do '*puja*'; so I had to obey, but I have learned in school that there is one true God, and Jesus His Son is our Saviour, and that all these gods of wood and stone cannot help or hurt us. When I went to the temple my mother looked up at the goddess and said, 'Bow down and worship!' she herself doing so. I bowed and

clasped my hands and shut my eyes, but I prayed to Jesus all the time, and I think He knows I am His own child."

Some years ago a Hindu girl renounced her idolatry and became a Christian. Later she came to our *Gardner Memorial School*, seeking admission and saying that she had enough money to pay for herself for awhile. She was exceedingly brilliant and we had hopes of training her to be one of our own teachers. Such was also her desire. She often says, "Oh, it makes me full of gratitude to the white people, when I think of what my life would have been if I could not have come to a school like this. Hindus, satisfied with their own religion? No, they are not." She has no more money, and as her relatives are all Hindus they will not help her. In a recent letter she says, "God is testing me in every way, and though I am glad of that, yet sometimes I feel that I will not be able to bear any more. Now my little sister's husband has died and she is only twelve years old. As she is a Hindu girl, she will have to bear a great deal of trouble. Being a widow now she will never have any more pleasure. She cannot understand it at all now, but she will have to go through it all her life. . . . As for me, I have a great desire to study more, and be a good teacher in the future, yet I think for want of means, I will have to give up my study altogether. If He does let me go on studying, I will use my everything for His glory."

If any of our friends in the home-land want to do missionary work by proxy, here is one excellent way—to help a girl with her education, or to help in the support of one of these teachers. You, who would go if you could, may help your Indian sisters who are there to do the work that you would love to do.

JAPAN—YOKOHAMA

RESULTS HOPED FOR.

By Miss S. A. PRATT.

BIBLE women are taking a very active part in the present Evangelistic campaign. The need is tremendous.

In Japan at the present time there are 40,000,000 not yet reached by the Gospel. As we saw two years ago, at the time of the meeting of the Federation of Missionaries in Tokyo, 96 per cent. of the people in many of the districts, especially in the country, have not yet been evangelized.

Of these tens of thousands, a large number are women, and in this work of teaching and winning souls to Jesus Christ and also of helping to bring in the Kingdom of God by leading the children to know their Saviour in early life, the Bible woman finds her sphere of work.

At twelve o'clock each day the Bible women remember in prayer the work of the Evangelistic Campaign, as also at other times. They are writing letters to families and friends residing in districts where the work is being carried on urging them to attend the meetings. Bible women can, with good results, follow up those who have heard the Gospel or who have become Christians, by doing personal work in the houses, holding Bible classes and conducting children's meetings.

Three years ago when Kodzu Kuye, with the country about, was assigned to our Mission for Evangelistic purposes, the Bible women there worked in the villages round about in this rice-growing district, having frequent opportunities to talk to the people. As a result of personal work I would like to give the following incident: Miss Kido, a teacher in our Bible school, and I were asked to speak in a school house, the meeting being attended by not only the children but by the greater part of the men of the village. At that time we made a point of talking with the principal, who later became a Christian. He then asked the Bible woman to call upon his crippled friend. This man had been a soldier engaged in construction work, but falling down an embankment, which had given way, his legs were broken and he was injured for life. The Bible woman tried to lead this man of broken spirit filled with doubts, to the Saviour, and carried out a regular course of instruction. The man was interested and before she had finished the course became an earnest Christian, and has since received baptism. He is a man of good education, clear reasoning powers and gifted in writing. Just now he is writing a tract on "Repentance and Faith."

We had the privilege a few days ago of visiting him in his large, old-fashioned farm house, situated on the top of a hill, where he is certainly shining for Christ. With his books piled up upon either side of him, he sits all day long upon a square box-like frame which is his bed at night. Upon this is a small desk where he does his writing.

That afternoon we had a praise meeting, his friend the principal being present besides others. As they are both men of influence in the village, the priests are making a great stir,

and from their hands as well as from their families these men are undergoing persecution.

Another result of personal work is that of a man in Kuki who had heard of Christ and been baptized twelve or fifteen years ago, but who had wandered away. One day he came to the preaching place, asking the Bible woman if he and his friend might join a Bible class. The request was granted and through Bible study the man was led back to Christ. He has become a most earnest worker, not only helping in the preaching place, but has asked the Bible woman to start work in his own village. At present we have a large Sunday school there followed by a meeting for adults. In the evening there is a class for hymn practice. Not only does he enjoy making melody in his own heart, but has bought an organ to use in the regular worship in his home. More than this, he has set apart the Sabbath day for his family and employees for rest and the worship of God. He has put his two daughters into our Girls' School, at 212 Bluff, and plans to have one enter the Bible school later.

We were privileged to visit this home only a short time ago, when the lower part of his spacious, well-appointed farm house was filled with neighbors and friends. Even the children listened attentively. Mr. E—— has frequent public meetings held in his home when copies of the New Testament and tracts are given to all who desire them. The Bible woman has led the wife to Christ, and she with some friends received baptism a few days ago. As this man is most influential in his village the whole place is stirred. "The Lord giveth the word; the women that publish the tidings are a great host."

CHINA—SHANGHAI

GENEROSITY OF THE CHINESE.

By DR. ELIZABETH REIFSNYDER

WHEN I was ill in March Chinese gentlemen collected almost \$800, and sent them at that time to me. As they were mostly silver dollars, they made quite an impression on my bed, where they were put by one of our assistants who was instrumental in getting this money to some extent. Another gentleman sent a valuable gift on his father's seventieth birthday. Another time a Chinese lady, one who was a former pupil in our *Bridgman Memorial School* brought \$50 in Mexican money; and quite recently one patient in our *Margaret Williamson Hospital* gave \$200 Mexican money, and another \$50 as a thank offering. Quite recently I was touched

by a gift brought me by one who has been a patient with us for years, whose family have held high Government positions. She was a modest little woman, and as she came in she handed me an envelope and a basket of fruit. In the envelope was \$50 Mexican money given by five Chinese ladies, and their names were all on a paper. All belong to one family and have been patients at one time or another, and I know they are not financially as able as they were at one time.

Some of the donors are earnest Christians —others have heard of Him who died for all, but though without professing Christ are yet not hopeless.

I wish you could see the earnest congregations we have in our Van Santvoord Memorial Chapel these days. It does my soul good to look over the numbers that come.

PROMISING PUPILS By MISS ELIZABETH IRVINE

MRS. Z. has been in our Bible school for over a year and is making good progress. She was not a Christian when we first met her, and knew nothing of the truth; later she and her mother became inquirers. Mr. Z. also became interested, and after some months the three were received into the church. Mrs. Z. and her mother were pupils in the Bible-school for a time, later the daughter came as day pupil, and this term as a boarder. Perhaps the best evidence of her conversion is the fact that she has been instrumental in leading her mother in the Christian life. It is most interesting to see with what perseverance she pursues her study, for though very slow, she is very thorough in her work and what she does is well done.

Mrs. Z., a widow whom we have known for some years, and who has been an inquirer for over two years, is with us this term. With the responsibility of three children and looking after their education, it is almost impossible for her to remain regularly under instruction. At the time of the revolution she lost all her belongings, and has not been able to secure any remuneration from the authorities. At that time she was Matron in an Orphanage nearby. Her little girl of ten is a pupil in the boarding-school this term. We feel that a woman of this character ought to be received, though she cannot pay the small tuition fee required.

Our school makes it possible for such a woman to come under regular instruction, and will help her to bring up her

children as Christians, for she is herself a Christian now, although not baptized. Having had some opportunity as a child to study, her progress is more rapid than any of the others. She has shown a very teachable spirit in the school, and a desire to follow the wish of the teachers. We are hoping that in time she may help in the work of our *Margaret Williamson Hospital*. She is gladly helping in the Sunday afternoon meeting with Miss Koo, who we feel is God's chosen vessel to bear His name to her own people.

Mrs. S., a young woman who was received into the church last year, has been with us for more than a year. Her husband is a Christian and also a teacher by profession. They met with reverses last year which threatened to close the door to Mrs. S.'s further study, so we were very happy when a short time after the school opening she came back to continue her work. The Bible study is becoming more clear to her now, and she is laying hold of the truth for her own edification. We are praying that the way may open for her to become a regular worker also. She has expressed a desire to preach the Gospel, saying: "I have now the evidence in my own heart of these things."

PERSONALS

India, Fätchpur.—Dr. Grace Spencer writes: We have had busy days in preparing our native nurses for their examinations. My medical assistant, Dr. West, is a Ludhiana graduate and a superior Indian girl. I am leaving the Dispensary principally in her hands and only going there for superintendence three days in the week. The people who attend it seem greatly interested and undoubtedly many get glimpses of "the things that are true and of good report," and some come very near the kingdom. One woman, whom we visited in her village, took us to two different places, giving us an opportunity to speak to seventy people, who listened most eagerly and earnestly. We are praying that God will greatly bless that little woman, who has found Christ through our work. You can realize that the very thought of her faith and efforts cheer us in many discouraging circumstances.

Japan, Yokohama.—Miss Tracy writes: Our Commencement exercises passed off well and the audience seemed much pleased. We hear that our school at 212 Bluff has a very good reputation which we hope that we can keep up.

HERE AND THERE

"DISAPPOINTMENT—HIS APPOINTMENT"

THIS consecrated definition of the one universal test through life, becomes a triumph of faith as we make it the solution of every unexpected change in our mutable world.

It had been our anticipation to send to India, China and Japan, in the months of August and September, three new appointments, and to return five valuable missionaries whose furlough had given them renewed strength for the claims of important posts. Suddenly passages were cancelled via Atlantic Ocean, and we stand appalled at the rapidity of unlooked-for events, presaging perhaps a world in conflict, and certainly a suspension of missionary advancement.

With dismay we turn sympathizingly to our Hospitals and Orphanages, where our over-worked missionaries have sustained their courage by the thought of skilled labor speedily coming to their relief. But, resting on the one unalterable conviction that our Divine Leader can make no mistake, we quiet all questionings with the thought that, although the future is to us so clouded, it is of His appointment, and folded in His inscrutable plan is the highest development and ultimate redemption of the race.

Can our faith rise to this supreme height? A. C. Bouquet, in "A Point of View," gives a timely stimulus in these ringing words: "The quality of faith is immensely heightened by chastening and perplexity, and this is the explanation of nine-tenths of the trouble which God permits us to encounter. Ordinary endurance will help us to do possible things. It takes supernaturally strengthened faith, the guaranteed faith, to attempt to conquer the impossible. It is perfectly clear that our faith is worth little if it has not passed that test."

Dear friends and co-workers, these eight missionaries in their unexpected disappointment need your sympathy and importunate prayers at this time. With enthusiasm they have consecrated themselves to a lofty vocation and have pictured in glowing colors what it is possible for the Lord to accomplish by them. These petitions, from a recent calendar in a city church, may suggest a train of thought pertinent to our and their peculiar need:

"Beloved Lord, whether upon the mount of power and peace, or in the valley of weariness and struggle, we would hear Thee. Take us, gracious Lord, away from the babel of voices that in the din, dull our ears, to that rest wherein Thy voice may be more distinctly heard. Command us concerning all the affairs of life. Send us upon messages of cheer and comfort. Speed us to the needy who await our coming. May we have such counsels as will encourage and help all earnest minds. Let not our blundering activities shut out the Lord of Power. Impress our hearts that we may express Thee, whithersoever we go. Send Thy ministering spirit to the many hearts bruised and bleeding, and help all Thy children to say, 'He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him.' Amen."

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GROWTH IN OUR WORKERS

By JULIA HAND BRONSON

IHAVE lately attended a very interesting and impressive conference—that of our Bible readers in Japan. These trained women, all of them connected with our Mission at 212 Bluff, and every one supported by our friends and constituency at home, gather once a year from the cities, towns and villages where they are at work, for a season of spiritual refreshing. This year the conference was very large. The Bible Training School with nearly fifty members, the outside workers from the outstations, and our friends and visitors from other schools and missions completely filled Pierson Chapel.

The things that impressed me after eight years' absence from Japan were many. Here are some of them:

I. The Fine Character of the Women.

In the old days it was very difficult to secure women of good family and education for the evangelistic work. Now many of our workers, indeed the greater number of them, are women of good position, socially and intellectually, and their influence is correspondingly wide and great.

II. The Happiness in Their Faces.

These Bible women are leading lives of self-denial and sacrifice. The expense of living in Japan is great compared to other mission fields, and increasing year by year, and their allowances are small. In the towns and villages our Christian Bible women have few if any congenial friends, and their lives are lonely for they miss the help which comes from fellowship with other Christians, from

church privileges, and the contact with Christian leaders that was theirs while in school. They have very large parishes, and toil from morning till night, walking miles, meeting many discouraging rebuffs, enduring indifference, hostility and petty persecutions, and growing weary physically and mentally as well as in their spirits. Many of them have renounced pleasanter paths and easier lives for the Gospel's sake. Yet I did not see a face in that gathering that was not radiant with joy. Surely they have learned a precious secret.

III. Their Loyalty to the Gospel Message.

This country seems to be rife, not only with infidelity and unbelief, but alas! with all kinds of "isms." Here, as in America, there are those within the fold who would lead the people from the simplicity of the Gospel. It was good to see these women with their splendid loyalty to the message of the Atonement, their child-like faith in prayer, and their feeling of personal responsibility to every soul out of Christ.

The reports of the work in various fields were very encouraging. I will not give details, for in a sense it is "the same old story." But with us the story is ever fresh and new—each chapter another miracle of grace to make us glad and thankful. Now the workers have scattered. A number of them are in Korea. Only a few days ago I met some American missionaries from Korea who spoke with great enthusiasm of the workers who have gone there from our school. One graduate of this year has gone to Formosa to be a missionary, and it is not an easy field. None of them have easy fields, but they have earnestness and consecration, and we hope and expect good results. Do not forget to pray for them. A little prayer, sent up to the Throne of Grace as you read this letter, will mean more blessing for Japan. So pray fervently!

OUTCOME OF THE EDINBURGH CONFERENCE

By REV. EDWIN GREAVES

DR. MOTT pressed very strongly the necessity of carrying out a scientific survey of the whole field, *with a view to occupancy*, and it is believed that efforts will be made to carry out this suggested survey. How soon the whole field can be occupied is a matter which must rest with home churches and with the native Christian churches which grow up in the lands.

Among Dr. Mott's impressions stands out very strongly "necessity of closer co-operation on the part of all the Christian forces." The trend of feeling is thoroughly in a line with this, and the manifesting of the desire on the part of practically all missionaries to more heartily co-operate is one of the very cheering features of the times. There is a great readiness to consider favorably any federation schemes.

The mass movements evidently greatly impressed Dr. Mott. How could it be otherwise? They are pregnant with tremendous and far-reaching possibilities. They raise many difficult problems, but we are warranted in expecting the needed wisdom to deal with the problems if we only wait humbly on God. One is convinced that these mass movements are not only going to affect the development of the Christian churches in this land, but will have important bearings on the national life of India as a whole.

Another matter of great moment is the development of Indian leadership in Christian service. "Native Leadership" stands for much in the future of the East. Possibly there is just a danger at the present time of trying to formulate plans for manufacturing leaders, to thrust men forward instead of fostering conditions under which men may arise and press forward. It is clearly the duty of the foreign missionary to be ever ready to give way to those who can lead in their own land and to be alert to recognize and give scope to those who manifest any power of wise initiative (possibly even *unwise* initiative) and "go." But leaders are the men who lead, who lead in spite of difficulties and obstacles. Leaders cannot be made by placing people in front and smoothing for them a primrose path.

The most encouraging feature of the Mott Conferences is that they were not allowed to end in conferences. They became the starting point for the formation of Provincial and National Councils. We presume this is so in China and Japan; it is so in India.

We are glad to call attention to a *Bhajan and hymn book* designed especially for village work which has been prepared by Miss A. W. Owen of the A. P. Mission, Etah, formerly one of our missionaries. It contains fifty *bhajans* in the life and teachings of Christ, sixty *bhajans* on various other subjects, seventeen choruses, one hundred selected hymns and ten of the best metrical psalms as sung in Siálkot. The *bhajans* are printed in both Roman and Hindi and the balance in Roman.



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OUR SUNDAY SCHOOLS IN JHANSI

By ELIZABETH McCUNN

DO not expect to hear of well organized and graded Sunday Schools held in buildings with all modern equipments, for the only thing we have in India in common with home Sunday Schools are the International lessons. One of our schools which has the most regular attendance is never closed throughout the year, for those who attend are the people living in our Hospital and Bungalow Compounds, servants with their wives and children, and a few from outside. The average attendance is about sixty; the room is our Dispensary waiting room, the seats, except those for the teachers and a few others, are the stone floor.

We meet together for the opening exercises, the shy women sitting just outside of a door leading into another room, where they can hear and yet not be seen. Then we separate our classes, our Compounder taking the women, our day-school teacher the children, and I the men. Recently I read the experience of a home Sunday School teacher who said

she could not get her class to express opinions or discuss the lesson. We have no trouble in that way, for what we have to do is to keep the discussions from monopolizing the time.

We are sometimes discouraged when we see how little is remembered from one Sunday to another, and we occasionally get such answers as that Abraham was one of the twelve apostles. Some of the class would stand a fair show with boys and girls at home. In the men's class are several Christians, the rest are Hindus and Mohammedans.

On a recent Saturday evening one of the Christian young men said to me: "Miss Sahib, I would like to conduct the Sunday School to-morrow and A—— will choose the hymns." I think some of the Superintendents at home would get quite a shock should such an offer be made to them. At the appointed time the young man read so well that did you not see him fingering the letters while he read, you would not know that he is blind. Two of the hymns chosen were an Urdu translation of "Who'll be the next to follow Jesus," and the following (also in Urdu) "Give attention for a little this way to us who teach you the

words of Jesus. Formerly we worshipped idols and were ignorant, now we have found the knowledge of the friend Jesus. We searched for Mecca, we searched for Benares, and we searched the Ved Purans. In the Bible we found the knowledge of the Father and the Son. Mohammedans and Hindus listen, heed this true religion, heed the friend Jesus."

The one who chose the hymns is in name a follower of the false prophet. Will you not pray that he may enter the Kingdom of Jesus, for he seems very near and is quite glad of an opportunity to attend our church every Sunday. Once when he began going to church his relatives, who are very bigoted Mohammedans, put a stop to it, but at present they do not seem to trouble him.

While this Sunday School is going on, the medical ladies and nurses are having their classes with the patients in the *Mary S. Ackerman Hoyt* and *Maria H. Hoyt Hospitals*.

All our other Sunday Schools except one are held on the side of the road or in a private courtyard. Here the teacher and her companion are favored with a native bed upon which to sit, while the others sit on the ground or stand. We begin by singing a hymn which attracts the crowd. The promise of a tiny card with a picture and a verse of Scripture on it induces many to stay and hear the lesson. Others, especially the older ones, stop and listen for a few minutes and then pass on. "We have no time, we must go and cook our husbands' food." "We must go and work in the fields, otherwise what shall we eat?" are some of the excuses given.

The dress of the crowd would be difficult to describe, excepting that of the children. They literally wallow in the dirt, but put in clean surroundings and well cared for, they are as pretty and kissable as any child at home.

In these wayside Sunday Schools we aim to get the main truths of the Gospel fixed in their minds, and for those who have no other teaching this is no easy task. Even here there are encouragements. One day I began to tell the story of the Prodigal Son, and an old man badly diseased with leprosy took it up and told every detail of it. He said a lady had once told him about the Prodigal Son.

The number of these wayside schools varies according to our missionary staff. At Sipri, where we have a day school, the Sunday School pupils are almost the same, so we see more progress, as they are being taught from the Bible every day. We are not able to pro-

vide all our Sunday School children with sweets and a doll at Christmas time, but if we were I think our attendance would be doubled. This seeking of the loaves and fishes is not confined to India alone, for if I remember rightly the attendance in home Sunday schools was always better before the annual picnic. Even if they do come for what they get, we have the opportunity of giving them the Bread of Life. Will some who read this help us with their gifts of pictures, dolls or money, and also pray as they give, that from these unpromising looking ones, some jewels may be won for the Lord's crown, and when He cometh we shall rejoice together?

THE SMILE

By ANNE G. HALL

ONE of our little girls in our *Bridgman Memorial School*, Shanghai, when she united with the church, took as her motto, Victory.

She is easily disappointed, and then is apt to be sulky. One day she wanted to go somewhere, and when we could not give our permission, she went away with a long face.

Miss Abbey told her to put on a smile and see if she could not conquer herself. In a little while there was a violent knocking at the door, and in came the little girl, saying, "It has come. When I went away the smile just would not come out, but it has at last come." She had brought her smile for us to see.

MOSLEM PRAYER

AMOSLEM brought his sick son to Dr. Vischer of the German Hospital. The lad had a sick knee. This is usually serious, for if it heals in a bent posture it may not be straightened, or if stretched, be bent only with difficulty. The sick boy was examined. The knee proved to be attacked by tuberculosis. It had already stiffened and was so bent that the boy could not walk on it, but was obliged to use crutches. The doctor proposed an operation, so that even if the leg could not ultimately be bent it might be serviceable for walking. The father turned pale. "What good will it do the boy if he cannot bend or stretch it? He would then be unable to pray all his life! It were better that he die."

RECEIPTS of the Woman's Union Missionary Society of America, from September 1 to September 30, 1914.

ALLAHABAD, INDIA.			
Mass.—Boston Br., Miss Evelyn Dix, Treas., Emmanuel Ch. Aux. Soc., Mrs. Samuel Hammond for Zenana work,	\$72 00	Kiku Yamane, 5.00; Mrs. J. W. Howe, Isuru Iijima, 10.00; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Frederick, Suga Mori, 5.00; Mr. C. Z. Hutchins, Kono Yoshida, 5.00; Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Bisel, Chika Matsnoki, 10.00; Miss Jennie Riegel, Watanabe Kin, 15.00,	60 00
Pa.—Philadelphia Br., Mrs. Wm. Waterall, Treas., for Miss Roderick's salary, 70.00; for Christmas gifts, 100.00,	170 00	Total, 127 00	
Total, CALCUTTA.	\$242 00	SUMMARY.	
N. Y.—Hastings Orphanage, Mr. R. R. Reeder, Supt., for Sushila, 25.00; Ossining, "Hearts and Hands for Jesus Band," Mrs. J. E. Johnson, Dr. W. H. Park, 10.00; Mr. W. L. Johnson, 10.00; Mrs. J. E. Johnson, 5.00, for support of Chandra,	50 00	Allahabad, \$242 00 Calcutta, 90 00 Cawnpore, 41 00 Fatehpur, 240 00 Jhansi, 304 50 China, 175 00 Japan, 60 00 General Fund, 323 91 Link subscription, 1 50	
N. J.—Ridgewood, Mrs. F. H. White, for Helen Eliza White Scholarship, 5.00; Trenton, Slackwood Union S. S., Mrs. W. J. Gray, for orphan, 10.00,	15 00	Total, 1,477 91	
Md.—Baltimore, Mrs. D'Arcy Paul, for orphanage,	20 00	CLARA E. MASTERS, Ass't Treas.	
Total, CAWNPORE.	85 00	DONATIONS FOR MISSION STATIONS.	
Mary Avery Merriman School.		Allahabad, India—Brooklyn Br., N. Y., 50 dressed dolls, parcel for Miss Bertsch from Miss Marston; New York City, Mrs. G. B. Vanderpoel, small box for Miss Roderick; Philadelphia Br., Pa., \$100 instead of box.	
Pa.—Germantown, Mr. F. E. Woodruff, for Rosie, 36.00; Lancaster, Miss Mary Gochnauer, for Razi, 5.00,	41 00	Calcutta—Brooklyn Br., N. Y., 50 dolls; Mrs. F. H. Marston, 12 cakes of soap; package for Shadomini. New York City, Mrs. E. H. Jones, 223 dressed dolls, value \$40.00; Morristown, N. J., Proudfit bandbox, value \$83.62, contains 50 dolls. Plainfield, Woman's League, two boxes. Ridgewood, Mrs. F. H. White, three boxes, value \$170.00. Germantown Aux., Pa., box, value \$76.52, contains 161 dolls.	
Total, FATEHPUR.	41 00	Cawnpore—Boston, Mass., Miss Lowell, box, value \$19.85. Bridgeport, Conn., Mrs. Greenman, 60 dolls. Bristol, Mrs. D. E. Mills, dolls. Guilford, Mrs. L. D. Chittenden, patchwork. Albany Br., 36 dolls, and gifts, value \$16.45. Brooklyn Br., 50 dolls, gifts from members, value \$30.00; Spencer Mem'l Ch., Jr. Band, gift for Emma, to the Misses Masters, parcels; Ch. of the Pilgrims, two barrels, value \$100. Cold Spring Presbyterian Ch., box for Ada, value \$15; Morristown Aux., N. J., box, value \$40; "Drop in Bucket Band," 28 dolls, etc., value \$30.08. Newark, Mrs. R. H. Allen, box, value \$65, contains 51 dolls; Mrs. C. H. Demarest, parcel for Anamidi; Germantown, Pa., Ch. of Atonement, 71 dolls, 432 yards material for clothes, 71 cakes soap, etc., value of box \$140.86; Mrs. F. E. Woodruff, gifts for Rosie and Bertha. New Castle, Del., Miss A. Spotswood, box, value \$5.	
N. J.—Plainfield, Mrs. D. W. Taylor, 30 00		Fatehpur—Boston, Mass., Mrs. H. T. Todd, organ, two boxes, value \$40. Haverhill, Miss Florence Simpson, two parcels. Brockton, Mrs. H. K. Morrison, gifts and dolls. Brooklyn Br., dolls, fancy articles, value \$18; the Misses Masters, gifts; Miss L. L. Fox, cards. New York City, Sea and Land Ch., parcels. Medical supplies, wheel stretcher, instruments, cabinet, bed, tables, dressing sterilizer, value \$415. Fanwood and Scotch Plains Jr. League, two boxes, value \$30. New Brunswick, two boxes. Plainfield, Woman's League, two boxes, value \$73.	
Pa.—Philadelphia Br., Miss Todd's salary, 150 00		Jhansi—Boston, Mass., Trinity Ch., box, value \$27.63; Miss E. Dix, 25 yards cotton cloth, value \$2.25. Haverhill, Mass., Miss Florence Simpson, packages. Brooklyn Br., fancy articles, value \$18, and dolls; Mrs. J. E. Brown, box, value \$75. Dobbs Ferry, the Misses Masters' School, "The Guiding Ten" box. New York, Fairbank scale, value \$12. Collingswood, N. J., Miss May Walters, dolls. Philadelphia Br., Pa., box, value \$169.35. Baltimore Br., stove and oven, value \$12.50; Mrs. Robert Grosvenor, couch, value \$50.	
Total, JHANSI.	180 00	Shanghai, China—Brooklyn Br., cards for the Misses Irvine and Christmas presents for two orphans. New York City, medical supplies, value \$589.88. Germantown Aux., box for day school, value \$16.	
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Pa.—Philadelphia Br., Dr. Ernst's salary, 150 00			
Total, SHANGHAI, CHINA.	302 50		
Pa.—Philadelphia Br., Dr. Reifsnyder's salary,	175 00		
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